WHEREAS, The history of America is in large measure the history of independent enterprise; and,

WHEREAS, It is upon the foundation established by those small independent undertakings that the most dynamic society known to man has been built, and today America's small businesses continue to thrive; and,

WHEREAS, Nineteen out of every twenty firms are considered small businesses, and they provide approximately 35 million jobs and contribute more than $476 billion annually to the gross national product; and,

WHEREAS, The pioneering spirit that underlies our success as a nation will continue to flourish for a long as the small businessman remains the mainstay of our economy and our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19, 1974, as

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in South Dakota, and I ask all South Dakotans to share with me during this week a deep pride in the many accomplishments of our small businessmen and women, and in the invaluable contributions they have made to our free way of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 16th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Four

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RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE